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*Congo (Brazzaville): A provisional committee of four Congolese army and gendarmerie officers has assumed control of the country following President Youlou's 15 August resignation.

There is no information on how or when a new government will be formed. The militant labor leaders who planned the general strike leading to Youlou's downfall are likely to demand a strong voice. They may be influenced by Firmin Matingou, an "intellectual" educated in the Soviet bloc who announced Youlou's resignation.

There are also moderates, however, who may exert a steadying influence. They include Jacques Opangault, a Youlou rival who is chief of a dominant northern tribe; former vice president Tchichelle, mayor of coastal Pointe Noire and leader of an important coastal tribe; and several labor leaders.

A growing resentment against France has been observed during the crisis, but the French have a substantial position in Brazzaville and it is unlikely that they are standing idly by. Youlou relied on a large number of French advisers and accepted French economic assistance averaging about \$9 million annually

French troops have been stationed in the country under a defense agreement, and about 1,000 reinforcements were flown in just before Youlou's fall. French influence was also strong in the security services.

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Bolivia: The Bolivian Government is apparently planning to move forcefully against Communist and other opposition elements which are involved in the current unrest among the tin miners.

*According to a press report, the decision on 15 August of the mine workers' federation to launch a general strike in the tin mines moved President Paz Estenssoro to summon his Cabinet into emergency session.

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